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IN TROUBLE:

Record producer Phil Spector arrested after shooting in his home;

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Babies harmed by water

By Chuck Soder
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Area drinking water is currently impure, but can hurt only infants and possibly a select few adults with medical problems, according to Norman Langenderfer, superintendent of Bowling Green's water system.

The city announced last week that nitrate levels in drinking water are above acceptable levels—the water is dangerous and potentially fatal to children under six months old. But

beyond that age, humans are able to digest the chemical, Langenderfer said.

By six months old, a person's stomachs has the necessary acids to handle nitrates, he said. "Infants' stomachs aren't fully developed," Langenderfer said. "That's one reason why they're on liquid formula diets."

He provided research showing that most adults consume an average of 120 milligrams of nitrates a day.

"Green vegetables — they're

loaded with nitrates," he said. "They have higher levels than what you'll ever see in your water."

Tests run yesterday showed that the chemical is present in water at a concentration of 12.3 milligrams per liter — 2.3 milligrams above acceptable levels. This makes a difference to an infant, but for most adults to double their daily nitrate dose, they would have to drink about

ESTIMATED AVERAGE DAILY INGESTION OF NITRATE IN THE UNITED STATES

SOURCE OF NITRATES	Nitrate	
	mg	%
Vegetables	86.1	86.3
Fruits, juices	1.4	1.4
Milk and products	0.2	0.2
Bread	2.0	2.0
Water	0.7	0.7
Cured meats	9.4	9.4
Saliva	30.0	
Total	99.8	100

Chad Lepp BG News

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Recycle Mania back for 2002-2003

By Kendra Ludemann
REPORTER

Recycle Mania is not your everyday competition. Instead of basketball hoops, the targets are big brown recycling containers. Instead of basketballs, people are shooting with cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard. The playing field is a college campus.

Recycle Mania is back for the second year at Bowling Green with the University trying to defend the championship title. Last year, Bowling Green won the crown, recycling 48 pounds per student living on campus, beating Miami University, Ohio University and Harvard.

This year, the competition has grown to eight schools as University of Oregon, Western Michigan University, Ohio State University and Washington University have joined.

Recycle Mania is a competition to see who can collect the most recyclables in residence and dining halls in ten weeks. The University that recycles the most wins the Recycle Mania trophy.

Recyclables are collected every week, weighed, and the total amount is divided by the number of students living on campus.

The Recycling and Refuse program has several goals for the competition, according to Nathan Steinmetz, Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator for the program. The first goal is to have a 40 percent recycling rate. The second goal is to promote environmentally sustainable actions on the campus.

"Our real goal is to just get people to understand that recycling is a good thing to do," Steinmetz said.

Although this is the campus' second year participating in Recycle Mania, this is the third year for the competition. The

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National chain set to open

Blockbuster Video will add competition to the Bowling Green video store market.

By Andrew Scharf
REPORTER

Movie fans will soon have another option when it comes to renting videos.

The chain of Blockbuster Video stores will open a new store in Bowling Green at the end of February. The store will be located at 816 S. Main St., near Big Lots. The 6,000 square foot store will consist primarily of a large selection of new hit movies for both VHS and DVD formats. The store will be similar in format to other Blockbuster stores.

"We are always excited when we can go into new communities," Blake Lugash, Blockbuster spokesman, said.

Blockbuster views their selection of video games for Gamecube, Xbox and Playstation 2 to be a major selling point for the store.

"We feel we carry a greater selection particularly in the DVD and video games sections," Lugash said.

Blockbuster will hire between 10 and 15 employees for the store. The application process can be done at other Blockbuster locations or online.

Blockbuster adds to competition among video stores in Bowling Green. Established stores in the area are aware of the competition, but not especially concerned.

"Competition is good for business, you just have to be aware of it," Susan Wilkins co-owner of Video Spectrum, said. "We are looking forward to the challenge."

Local stores feel that they have established lasting relationships with their customers.

"We have been here a while, and we feel we have a friendly attitude toward our customers," Michelle Johnson, Movie Gallery manager, said.

Local stores said they offer comparable prices to Blockbuster. Johnson said he believes the higher prices at Blockbuster may work against

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FILIPINO PROTEST



Pat Roque AP Photo

PROTEST: Anti-war protesters with torches and candles listen to speakers during a prayer rally Friday, January 31, in a Manila square against the possible U.S. led war against Iraq. Thousands of anti-war protesters joined the rally in solidarity with other anti-war group around the world.

Recovery teams pick up Columbia's pieces

By Pauline Arrilaga
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NACOGDOCHES, Texas — Using plastic bags and buckets, investigators went from rural schools to a college campus yesterday gathering pieces of space shuttle Columbia strewn across a pine-cloaked disaster scene larger than West Virginia.

Search teams hunted down remains and debris in the rivers and woods of Louisiana and Texas — including a 6-to-7-foot chunk of cabin found in one rural county.

Environmental and explosives experts, along with NASA officials, bagged up wreckage and transported it to airports now serving as evidence warehouses.

"We are collecting material that we find on the ground even as small as a quarter," said Gary Moore, a regional coordinator for the Environmental Protection Agency. "Obviously, you're going to get to a point where you can't collect every single speck."

Recovery teams were focusing on schools, noting that two in Nacogdoches County stayed closed Monday to keep children away from possibly hazardous debris.

Recovery teams gathered at a federal command post in nearby Lufkin to be dispatched to counties across the state, said Sue Kennedy, emergency management coordinator for Nacogdoches County. A seven-

member squad was on the ground in Nacogdoches removing debris from schools.

Teams removed 25 pieces of debris from the grounds at Douglass School, whose 340 students in kindergarten through 12th grade stayed home for the day. They then moved on to another public school before heading to Stephen F. Austin State University.

Eventually, the pieces will be shipped to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, where they were being collected in a sprawling hangar. The goal is to try to reconstruct what's left of Columbia, and establish a



Donna McWilliam AP Photo

SHUTTLE DEBRIS: An Environmental Protection Agency contract worker collects shuttle debris from a Douglas, Texas schoolyard and places it in a plastic bag, yesterday.

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 23°
Low: 5°

THURSDAY



Snow Showers
High: 20°
Low: 3°

FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 20°
Low: 11°

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 31°
Low: 18°

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Recycling an easy task for students

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first-ever Recycle Mania was held between Miami and OU, with Miami winning the competition. The following year, the competition was opened up to other universities.

"We decided that a competition would be a great way to get people excited about recycling," Steinmetz said. So Bowling Green decided to join the friendly competition.

Recycling can be an effortless task for students living on-campus. "There are recycling bins all over the place so it is just as convenient to throw your cans in the recycling bins as it is to toss them in the trash," Steinmetz said.

For freshman Ashley Wheeler, recycling is closer than throwing bottles away in the dumpster. "It's more convenient to recycle when the (recycling) box is in the room," she said.

While the event only collects recyclables from on-campus, off-campus students are encouraged to take the extra effort to recycle on their own.

"The hope is that while living on-campus students get used to recycling and understand the benefits of doing so and continue that behavior when they move," Steinmetz said.

One option for off-campus students is recycling at the Bowling Green Recycling Center, located on N. College Street. It is open 24 hours a day.

"Students who live in rented houses can acquire curbside recycling bins that are picked up by the city free of charge," Steinmetz said. For more information, students can visit the Bowling Green Recycling Center's website.

Recycle Mania began yesterday and runs through April 13.

Recovery effort a daunting task

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sequence of how each part peeled off during the shuttle's ill-fated journey home.

On Monday, debris and human remains from the destroyed shuttle began arriving at the base "in everything from helicopters to rental cars," NASA spokesman Steve Nesbitt said.

NASA examiners and the independent investigative team headed by retired Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr. have set up shop at the base in a room with a large map, using pushpins to mark the thousands of debris sites. The map was color-coded according to the size of the particles.

The recovery effort is daunting due to the size and scope of the debris field. It stretched west to east 380 miles from Eastland, Texas, to Alexandria, La., and north to south 230 miles from Sulphur Springs, Texas, to metropolitan Houston.

Louisiana state police confirmed more than two dozen chunks of debris in 11 different parishes.

In Texas, Gov. Rick Perry said wreckage had been found in 33 counties sprawling 28,000 square miles of landscape — a territory marked by dozens of lakes and creeks and hundreds of thousands of acres of thick pine forest. That's 10 percent of

the entire state, and an area larger than West Virginia.

The area where wreckage was being found expanded westward Monday, said Michael Kostelnik, NASA deputy associate administrator. One debris collection center was opened at the former Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, 180 miles northwest of the recovery command center in Lufkin.

Findings included a 3-by-3-foot piece of metal in a bank parking lot in Nacogdoches and a 1-foot diameter piece of gray metal in front of the courthouse. Among the more significant discoveries: a huge section of cabin discovered in a rural wooded

area east of Nacogdoches.

County Sheriff Thomas Kerss would not disclose the exact location or provide details of what all was found, but said teams would continue scouring remote forests in the hunt for more cabin components.

He said federal agents were heading to a home to look for stolen shuttle parts. No arrests have been made, he said.

Kerss stressed that recovering the remains of Columbia's seven-member crew was a top priority. Authorities confirmed about 15 sites where human remains have been found in the county, Kerss said, again declining to provide details.

Some remains have been recovered in rural east Texas, and forensics experts think the astronauts could be genetically identified despite the orbiter's disintegration 39 miles overhead.

Kennedy, the Nacogdoches emergency coordinator, said the memory of the seven fallen astronauts drives workers in their search for answers to what brought Columbia down.

"Never, ever do we forget the true heart of this tragedy," she said, hoisting a notepad she carries throughout the day. Scribbled on a sticky note were the names of all seven astronauts.

"There's no reason a normal, healthy person can't drink our water like always."

DARYL STOCKBURGER, BOWLING GREEN UTILITIES DIRECTOR

New BG filtration system to make water safe for children

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nine liters or two-and-a-half gallons of water.

Pregnant women and those with stomach problems should consult their doctors before drinking area water, Langenderfer said.

Though nitrate can't harm most adults, it can hurt the oxygen flow in infants, causing Blue Baby Syndrome, according to a press release from the city. Symptoms of the illness include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin.

The area's nitrate levels fluctuate through the year, sometimes over the allowed 10 milligram per liter concentration, according to Daryl Stockburger, utilities director for Bowling

Green.

"But you don't normally get levels like this in winter," Stockburger said.

High levels are more common in the summer because the chemical is washed into streams from fertilizer. The summer's drought caused the problem, according to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

The drought killed summer crops, which would normally take in much of the nitrate. The chemical remained in the soil only to be flushed into the water supply, according to Langenderfer.

"The corn died, so the rain just washes it into the water," he said.

The city has a reservoir 10

miles north of Bowling Green for backup drinking water when problems arise. But the reservoir is too low not to use water from the Maumee River, where nitrate levels are high, according to Stockburger.

"After well over a month of high levels, we just don't have enough storage," he said.

More rain will dilute the water, lowering nitrate's concentration to safe levels, Langenderfer said. Higher water flow would also help disperse the chemical, he added.

Though only mother nature can fix the problem, the city is working to prevent it in the future, Stockburger said.

City administrators are working with the Ohio Environmental Protection

Agency to put a nanofiltration system in place.

The system would use filters with holes so small that only molecules as tiny as water could get through. It would also weed out other impurities, helping to prevent hard water in the process, according to Stockburger.

"Very little besides water can get through," he said.

That system is at least a year away, he added.

But for now, only those with infants need to worry about their drinking water, according to Langenderfer.

"There's no reason a normal, healthy person can't drink our water like always," he said.

Blockbuster likely to fare well in BG

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the chain.

Wilkins sees Video Spectrum going in a different direction than Blockbuster. Wilkins said she believes Video Spectrum's selection of movies is unparalleled. The large selection of movies — roughly 19,000 titles — caters to a different customer: the movie buff.

"We have created the most comprehensive film library in Northwest Ohio, period," Wilkins said. "Anyone who is a movie buff hopefully will be a repeat customer."

Video Spectrum has been in business for 23 years. Co-owner Bill Wilkins considers the store a true local business. Wilkins attended Bowling Green and much of the store's employment comes from students. The store also works closely with the University's Pop Culture department.

"We keep the green in Bowling Green," Wilkins said.

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This year Big Playground is giving away a DVD player, gift certificates to Westfield Shopping Town (Franklin Park Mall) and to a local travel agency!

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Bring your donations to David's House for Big Playground to exchange for raffle tickets. Donations needed include deodorant, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes and laundry detergent. (New and unused items only, please.)

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Questions? Please contact 372-9355.

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ORIENTATION LEADER INFORMATION SESSION

Tonight is the second of three information sessions for students interested in becoming Orientation Leaders this summer. Students who are interested can come to the Student Union room 207 from 7-8 p.m. to find out more about the program. Applications may be picked up at all Residence Hall front desks and in the BTSU Suite 301.

get a life

The calendar of events is taken from
http://events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Valentine Formal Ticket Sales
Sponsored by Glory Phi God.
Student Union Lobby

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Direct Pressure: A Collective of the Print Society of BGSU
Student Union Galleries

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sigma Lambda Gamma Fundraiser

Sigma Lambda Gamma will be selling orders for cookies.
Student Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Contemporary Landscape...
This exhibition will explore several approaches to the question of why the landscape continues to be a compelling subject in the new millennium. It features work by several of the foremost contemporary landscape painters working today.
Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Give BG Table
Sponsored by the Development Office.
Student Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Love Unlimited Cabaret Ticket Sales
Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.
Student Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Alpha Omicron Pi Sale
Alpha Omicron Pi will be selling duffel bags and lollipops to raise money for Dance Marathon.
Student Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dance Marathon Fundraiser
Delta Gamma will be selling slippers.
Student Union Lobby

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women's Lunch Group
Discretion and a friendly welcome ensured. For further details, please contact Jane Rosser at jrosser@bgsu.edu. Meets for lunch the first Tuesday of each month 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Women's Center.
Hanna Hall

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Study Abroad Informational Table

Sponsored by International Programs.
Student Union Lobby

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

How 2 Workshop
"Making Cards with Rubber Stamps" Instructor: Karen Kiemec. Learn how to make greeting cards using rubber stamps. Learn various techniques and how rubber stamps can be used to create both fun and lovely personalized greetings. During class, students will make cards for upcoming holidays or birthdays to take home. (Material Fee: \$7) Register for workshops at the Information Center in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Advance registration is required and space is limited. Classes last approx. 2 hours. For more information contact the Information Desk at 419-372-2741.
Student Union, Room 314

7:30 p.m.

Music from Bowling Green at the Manor House: Scenes from "The Pirates of Penzance"
Free and open to the public.
Wildwood Metropolitan Park, Toledo

7:30 p.m.
Defining Leadership
This event includes christian fellowship and worshipful music as well as the speaker Campus Minister Andy DeGurge who will be sharing and helping to define leadership. For additional information contact Lisa McMillan at 419-836-9373.
Olscomp 103

7:30 p.m.

Scenes from BGSU Department of Theatre & Opera Theater presents Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance"
A joint production with the Department of Theatre & BGSU Opera Theater. Bring the entire family to this whirlwind musical adventure!!! Tickets: \$10 Adult/Student/Senior, \$5 for Children under 12. Call (419) 372-2719 for advance reservations.
Manor House, Wildwood Preserve, Toledo Metro Park

9:30 p.m.

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CAMPUS

THE CAMPUS BLOTTER

Friday, Jan. 31:

Two students have been referred to student discipline for causing a disturbance in McDonald North.

Ryan Dillon, Gahanna, Ohio was cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

The driver's side window was broken out of a vehicle in Lot 6.

Complainant reported her driver's side window was broken out in Lot 6. Nothing was taken from the vehicle.

The driver's side window was broken out of a vehicle in Lot 6.

A vehicle was damaged while parked in Lot 6.

A hit and run accident occurred in Lot 16.

Complainant reported that two bookbags were stolen from his room in McDonald East.

Complainant reported a broken window in Darrow.

Officer advised he took a marijuana

plant and a bong from a room in McDonald West and no one was home.

Saturday, Feb. 1:

Complainant called and advised that a speaker was vandalized in Founders. Officer advised that they removed it and is at the front desk until it can be replaced.

Subject in Kohl was considered suicidal and left the building. Officers looked for him and he later returned to his room, safely. He was taken to The Link for evaluation and will be referred.

Complainant reported books were taken from his room at MacDonald North.

Sunday, Feb. 2:

A student reported her boyfriend harassing her in McDonald West. The boyfriend was warned not to bother

her anymore or be arrested.

A student was being loud and disorderly in the hallway in Conklin. The officer spoke to him, took him to his room, and calmed him down. Officers contacted a friend to stay with him for the night. The subject was referred to Student Discipline.

Alexander Fondorf, Cincinnati, Ohio was cited for speeding on Poe Rd. Court date: 2/12/03 at 8:30 a.m.

J. Garrett Coats, Hamilton, Ohio was cited for expired plates. Court date: tomorrow

Complainant reported her front plate was taken from her vehicle while parked in Lot 6.

Complainant reported that someone broke his driver's side mirror in Lot 6.

Complainant in McDonald West reported his wallet stolen.

Ohioans benefit from new tax cuts

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Highlights of the cuts in spending along with a few bright spots in Gov. Bob Taft's proposed \$49.1 billion two-year budget:

LOSERS:

- Hunters and anglers. Taft has proposed increasing the fee for fishing and hunting licenses from \$15 to \$19. Fees would increase from \$8 to \$10 for youth hunters under 16 and seniors 66 and older would begin paying a \$10 fee. Fees would also increase for deer and turkey permits, fur trapping and bait dealers.

- Smokers and drinkers. Taft's budget assumes lawmakers will raise state taxes on cigarettes to \$1 a pack from the current 55 cents. The budget also assumes a doubling of the state alcohol tax: 28 cents for a 12-ounce beer and to \$6.76 for a gallon of liquor.

- History buffs. The budget cuts the Ohio Historical Society, which runs events in Columbus and around the state, by 22 percent next year — to \$14 million — and further cuts it to \$12.3 million the following year.

- Health officials. Taft proposes using \$112 million meant to help prevent smoking for general spending. The money is from the state's 1998 settlement with major tobacco companies. Taft

also proposes taking \$123 million in tobacco dollars meant to help renovate and build schools. That money will be paid back from the state's next construction budget.

- State employees. The budget freezes workers' salaries and doesn't provide money for rising health care costs. It also eliminates employee health centers that provide temporary care for sicknesses, emergency care and first aid.

- Poor families. Under the plan, about 30,000 of 400,000 parents who became eligible for Medicaid benefits when a state program for poor families began in July 2000 would be ineligible for any coverage. They could lose Medicaid benefits as soon as October. Children on Medicaid would not be affected.

WINNERS:

- Substance abusers. Taft proposes increasing funding to the Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services to \$34 million next year, a 10 percent increase, and to \$37 million the following year, also a 10 percent increase.

He's ordering the increased funding be spent directly in local communities.

- Veterans. Although Taft's budget cuts funding to veterans' groups, it provides a 33 percent increase in funding next year to finish the new Southern Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown.

- Schoolchildren. The budget increases basic aid to schoolchildren to \$5,088 per student per year. Overall, Taft proposes spending a record \$17.6 billion on primary and secondary education including state and federal funds.

- College students. The budget would increase basic tuition aid for students 3 percent July 1 and 4 percent the following year. However, that increase would be from current funding levels, which were cut 6 percent in the fall of 2001.

- Seniors. The budget increases funding for PASSPORT, a program that helps senior citizens live at home instead of entering a nursing home, to \$75 million next year, a 6.3 percent increase, and to \$81 million the following year, an 8.2 percent increase.

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Stories must be less than 500 words and include contact information.

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1:00pm

QUOTE/UNQUOTE

"You are a terrorist, and we do not negotiate with terrorists. We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice."

Federal District Court Judge William G. Young, to Reid.
(newsweek.com)

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OPINION

New USG proposal is a good idea

We know the frustration that goes with scheduling classes every semester. Trying to find classes that are available and that don't overlap can be stressful.

For the majority of students on campus, the sheer volume of people attempting to register at the same time often makes it nearly impossible to get classes that you need or want.

For others, though, scheduling is not as big a problem. Athletes, honor students, resident advisors

and disabled students have what is known as priority scheduling.

Members of Undergraduate Student Government are proposing to alter the way priority scheduling and registration take place every semester here at the University.

The group is proposing that freshmen and sophomores who qualify for priority scheduling wait until the first day the sophomores schedule.

We at The BG News think that

this is a good idea. Obviously these students need priority scheduling. Athletes need to schedule their classes around their practices. Honors students have a limited number of classes they can take. Resident Advisors have many duties and need to be available around their dorms. Disabled students need to schedule around nurses and tests.

We agree, though, that even if freshmen and sophomores have

these special circumstances, it is not necessary for them to schedule before some seniors. They still have time to take all the classes they need to take.

Some honors students argued at the USG meeting last night that honors classes are so hard to schedule that even freshmen and sophomores have trouble. They don't want to have to wait until the first day sophomores schedule.

Priority scheduling seems to

be a reward to honors students — and in most cases deservedly so. We don't disagree that hard work in high school should translate in rewards when you come to school here.

We do think priority scheduling is a good idea because in these groups' cases they need or deserve this privilege. But don't be greedy — don't fear change. Small changes to this policy will not deter these students' missions to graduate.

The bottom line is, with these changes to the policy, students involved are still at an advantage. We just find this possible new policy to be more fair to upper classmen. If you would like to voice your opinion on this topic, USG is having an academic affairs meeting at 3:45 today in 403 Student Union.

Correction: In yesterday's editorial we incorrectly stated that Apollo 11 ended tragically. It was Apollo 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NASA uses its money not just for space trips

First, let's take a moment to remember the seven astronauts who died in the Columbia explosion Saturday. They were highly trained volunteers who knew what they were doing and got paid handsomely for taking part in something so monumentally dangerous as being blasted into space.

Now, let's think practically, without any bogus and clichéd sentimentality. I would love to think, as the editorial in yesterday's The BG News seemed to, that NASA was purely in the business of exploration and expanding the frontiers of human knowledge, but there is a lot more to it than that.

NASA is, and always has been,

a program that serves to 'launder' money for the U.S. military, who co-sponsor and derive benefit from much of their research. The U.S. military's yearly budget already exceeds the income tax take for a fiscal year in the United States, even before we factor in the 'independent' space program. Such strong links to the military are no coincidence when we remember that the program was founded by Nazi scientists, fresh from having slave laborers build war rockets. NASA has also been pushing for nuclear-powered space shuttles and rockets, which are both completely unnecessary (NASA also being a world leader in solar power cells for space vehicles) and extremely hazardous. The results of a Columbia-sized accident involving nuclear material in the upper atmosphere, or even on a Florida launch pad, would be horrendous.

Again, links between nuclear power and the military are well

established, and surely no coincidence. Being asked to pay for this threat to everyone on Earth's well-being is quite a slap in the face. George W. Bush has already, on Sunday, increased NASA's budget by \$470 million. Doesn't it seem a little misplaced to be burning this much cash on an offshoot of the already bloated and over-funded military industrial complex when 10 million Americans cannot afford health insurance here on Earth? I would like to see space exploration continue for purely scientific reasons, but if the future of space is to be one of military domination and potential nuclear catastrophe, I'd rather the money stayed down here.

Sadly, and call me a cynic, no amount of Star Trek-inspired wishful thinking about "final frontiers" can erase these practical concerns from my mind.

EOIN HOWE
GRADUATE STUDENT

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is your favorite on-campus meal?



ANDREW MARTINCIN
FRESHMAN, T-COMM

"I love to slurp the grease from the top of my cheese pizza."



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SOPHOMORE
COMPUTER SCIENCE

"Soup in a bread bowl."



LAURA KENNEDY
SOPHOMORE
EARLY CHILDHOOD ED.

"Salad with croutons... lots of croutons."



MEREDYTH PASCH
SOPHOMORE, PHYS ED.

"The Oreo ice cream sandwiches from the Union."

Dorm communities cause segregation



D.J. JOHNSON

Opinion Columnist

It's time to start thinking where I am living next year. The Quads are eliminated because of distance, Founders and Offenhauer because of their price and McDonald because of its nature to hold primarily freshmen. I am left with three of the four residence halls on Wooster Street: Conklin North, Rodgers and Kohl.

Kohl was appealing to me. I was invited to one of their programs, which was a late 80s-early 90s party, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I thought to myself that I could definitely do this for a year.

But then the news hit me hard. The Chapman Learning Community was coming to Kohl. Immediately, within seconds, I said no.

The University's learning communities serve more segregating and destructive purposes than anything else. They want to build community, and in many instances, they do. But what about building community with the rest of the campus? Stereotypes start to arise because of this isolation, and any sort of diversification efforts made by the University are shot.

Let's look at Darrow Hall, one of the halls in the Kreischer Quadrangle. Darrow Hall houses the Honors Program, which sounds like a fine idea. The average grade point average throughout the entire hall is well above a three. Many of the people who live there are academically motivated and do well in this sort of atmosphere.

But then there is the staggering con side to this less-than-perfect fairy tale that holds true for many of the other learning communities. First and foremost, what if you aren't in that particular learning community and you were thrown there anyway? I had a friend who lived in Darrow who constantly considered himself "the dumbest person in the world." He kept getting at himself because his grades didn't compare to the rest of the guys who lived in the hall. He eventually transferred ... out of the University. People don't feel as if they belong at all, and as a result, they, too, feel isolated and out

of place. And if that wasn't the only problem that arose out of isolation, another one occurs. Since the Honors students are competing against each other for the highest grades in their own classes, when they have non-Honors classes, they almost look down in disdain on others around them because of their academic prowess.

Believe me, Darrow and the Honors Living Community are not the only people at fault. Sometimes, it's the outsiders looking into the living community that causes a problem. On my way back from the Student Union, the friend I was walking back with was also wondering where he was going to live next year. I asked him if Batchelder, the residence hall that primarily holds music students, was a viable residency. He laughed at me, telling me how he couldn't tolerate living with freaks all year.

Freaks? That comment was wrong on so many different levels, and it's a shame that he would even think that way. Unfortunately, he's not the only person who thinks that way. An entire residence hall considered "freaks" because of their ability to express themselves. The worst part, though, is that these stereotypes go to the incoming freshmen who have no desire, then, to diversify themselves among musicians and artists because they heard these types of degrading stereotypes by the students who attend here now.

In my opinion, some of the administrative offices have their priorities in a rut. The Office of Residence Life should be looking more toward diversification. These learning communities are narrowing our minds in regards to the different types of people who go to the University and, in retrospect, who live in the world. Don't make these exclusive-communities that continue a tradition of segregation. Let's see who else is out there. Let the Office of Campus Involvement make the organizations where the business students or the art students or whomever else can get together and share their interests. If the learning communities continue to dominate the campus, then these barricades of communication will continue to exist, and that, my friends, is a bad idea.



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ACCIDENT CLOSES BRIDGE BETWEEN OHIO, W. VA.

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — A bridge spanning the Ohio River between Parkersburg and Belpre, Ohio, was closed Monday after a boom mounted on a truck hit several beams. The accident occurred around 11 a.m. on the Belpre side of the Memorial Bridge as a truck driven by Terry Morrison, 45, of Little Hocking, Ohio, entered the span, Belpre police said.

BG NEWS BRIEFING

WorldCom plans more cuts, layoffs

CLINTON, Miss. (AP) — WorldCom Inc. announced \$2.5 billion in cuts yesterday, including the elimination of 5,000 jobs, as part of the telecommunications company's plan to emerge from bankruptcy in April.

The cuts, which include 8 percent of WorldCom's workforce, are the first major moves by new chairman and CEO Michael Capellas. Details on which jobs will be cut were not released.

The savings will come by consolidating facilities, though the company said it will maintain all its major offices, including its Clinton headquarters. Industry analysts have expected WorldCom, whose MCI unit remains the No. 2 long-distance carrier, to close some business units.

WorldCom, which is losing about \$200 million a month, has been trying to cut costs by asking the bankruptcy court to let it vacate leases and renegotiate or get out of some supplier contracts.

WorldCom has about 60,000 employees after cutting 20,700 positions last year following the largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history amid a \$9 billion accounting scandal that led to the resignations of founder and former CEO Bernard Ebbers and chief financial officer Scott Sullivan.

The company is being investigated by the Justice Department and Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dethroned queen to sue pageants

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The attorney for dethroned Miss North Carolina Rebekah Revels was back in court yesterday, arguing she shouldn't have to undergo court-ordered arbitration to settle her lawsuit against pageant officials.

He said Revels would seek \$10 million in damages, but couldn't afford arbitration fees he estimated would be more than \$20,000. Nakell said Revels has made about \$3,500 in appearance fees since she lost her crown last summer.

Revels is suing the Miss America pageant, the Miss North Carolina pageant and eight officials of the state pageant. In December, a federal judge combined the lawsuits against the pageants.

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Spector arrested after shooting



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IN TROUBLE: Record producer Phil Spector, above, was arrested yesterday for investigation of homicide after the body of a woman was found at a home in Los Angeles.

By Erica Werner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALHAMBRA, Calif. — Phil Spector, the legendary record producer whose "Wall of Sound" helped change the sound of pop music in the 1960s, was arrested yesterday after a woman was shot to death at his suburban mansion.

Spector, 62, was arrested at the castle-like estate around 5 a.m. as part of a homicide investigation, sheriff's Sgt. Joe Efland said. He was taken to the Alhambra Police Department and bail was set at \$1 million.

Defense attorney Robert Shapiro, whose clients have included O.J. Simpson, declined comment.

Authorities did not immediately identify the woman or her relationship to Spector. A black Mercedes-Benz sedan with the passenger door open was parked in the driveway of the home, cordoned off by police tape.

Records show Spector bought the home for \$1.1 million in 1998. A close friend, attorney Marvin Mitchelson, said Spector lived alone and didn't have a girlfriend.

Mitchelson said he and Spector had been trying to put together a movie about Spector's life. "His mental state has been great — very rational, very together," the

attorney said.

Spector is famous for creating the "Wall of Sound" effect that involved overdubbing scores of musicians to create a full, dramatic sound. The technique combined instruments, vocals and sound effects, and it changed the way pop records were produced while bringing fame to singing groups like the Ronettes and the Crystals.

In his storied career, Spector produced records for Elvis Presley, Ike and Tina Turner, the Righteous Brothers and Darlene Love. He produced the last Beatles album, "Let It Be," in 1970. He worked with John Lennon on "Imagine" and helped Yoko Ono produce Lennon's work after he was killed in 1980.

Among the hits to bear his signature style include "Da Doo Ron Ron" and "Then He Kissed Me" by the Crystals, "Walking in the Rain" by the Ronettes and "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'" by the Righteous Brothers.

His session players, known as the "Wrecking Crew," included guitarist Glen Campbell, pianist Leon Russell, drummer Hal Blaine and the late Sonny Bono, who learned the producer's trade under Spector.

But his production style, involving heavy use of echo, went

out of style. Paul McCartney is known to hate Spector's work on "Let It Be," done without his consent, and has said he wants to release the album stripped of Spector's contributions.

Spector, who was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989, has been reclusive over the past couple of decades. His last major album was "End of the Century," a 1980 collaboration with the Ramones.

During the session, the late bassist Dee Dee Ramone once said, Spector pulled a gun on the band.

"I don't think he would hurt a fly. Until anything happens, you're innocent until you're proven guilty. I don't think Phil had it in him to murder anybody," Marky Ramone, drummer for the Ramones, told the Fox News Channel.

The producer is alleged to have demonstrated near-psychotic and abusive behavior, according to a 1995 biography by Rolling Stone magazine.

"It had to stop," Spector said of his behavior in a 1977 Los Angeles Times interview. "Being the rich millionaire in the mansion and then dressing up as Batman. I have to admit I did enjoy it to a certain extent. But I began to realize it was very unhealthy."

Students find own way to comprehend disaster

By Martha Irvine
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — It was a somber day in America's classrooms. Schools across the nation began yesterday with a moment of silence and other tributes, allowing students to remember the astronauts who died in the week-end shuttle disaster.

Flags were lowered to half-staff from Florida to Illinois to Washington state, as teachers searched for ways to discuss and grieve over the loss.

Some students were moved. Others — part of a generation that has already endured the Sept. 11 terror attacks — seemed fatigued by this latest loss.

"I just want the tragedy to be over," Ariana Blake, a home-schooled 11-year-old from Niles, Mich., said as she walked through the space exhibit at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry with her parents.

At Horlick High School in Racine, Wis., where astronaut

Laurel Clark graduated, students remembered her while one of her former classmates played taps in the background.

At the New Hampshire high school of Christa McAuliffe — the teacher-turned-astronaut who was killed in the 1986 space shuttle Challenger explosion — students remembered the Columbia with a moment of silence. The school also scheduled a formal memorial service for Tuesday.

Children at Dick Scobee Elementary School in Auburn, Wash. — named for the late commander of the Challenger shuttle — set up a memorial of candles, balloons and flowers for the Columbia crew.

The school, which already uses one hallway as a memorial to Scobee — with a flight suit, dog tags and photos — plans to dedicate another wall as a memorial for the Columbia crew.

"The kids here really understand what happened," principal Greg Brown said. "They're griev-

ing in their own way."

The loss of Columbia and its crew did not hit nearly as close to home for most U.S. students. Some teachers say they and their classes were not even aware that the shuttle was in space until the accident.

That was true even in some parts of Texas, where much of the shuttle debris fell — and where some schools remained closed or canceled recess until their grounds could be checked for Columbia wreckage.

Officials at Fredonia Elementary School in Nacogdoches, Texas, where emergency crews had been searching since Saturday, said students seemed to be taking it in stride.

"It seems like there's so much tragedy going on the news. They just handle it and go on," Richard Ballenger, a curriculum specialists at the school said, noting that the students had never known life without shuttles in space.



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LISTENING: Fourth grader Janna Pacheco participates in a discussion about the Space Shuttle Columbia in Palm Bay, Fla.

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Binzel, Michelle
Branic, Rebecca
Burns, Sarah
Carville, Melissa
Cianciolo, Angela
Dihrkop, Alissa
Egan, Morgan
Evans, Kari
Freeman, Andrea
Frelin, Ashley
Garver, Kristin
Hanson, Sarah
Healy, Sarah
Kaufmann, Kelly
Mohrbach, Keri
Mowry, Emily
Nickel, Kelly
Paul, Lindsay
Rathjen, Danielle
Reid, Emily
Roetzer, Kari
Rubino, Cassandra
Shadwick, Megan
Simko, Brooke
Skrbina, Adrienne
Vandervort, Maureen
Wiener, Lindsay
Wolfgram, Tera
Wrentmore, Denon
Yun, Courtney

Alpha Gamma Delta sorority 32%

Araujo, Annelise
Bailey, Lindsey
Brown, Megan
Cooper, Lisa
Fitzgerald, Erin
Gill, Amy
Grasse, Veronica
Guzell, Carolyn
Hazel, Jenna
Johnson, Courtney
Krebs, Meredith
Kulp, Shana
Page, Jennifer
Sansone, Lori
Schultz, Katrina
Spann, Rachael
Wegman, Candace
Zergott, Lauren

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 29%

Cruz, Crystal
Young, Monica

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority 23%

Ambrosic, Martina
Barhorst, Sara
Colella, Kristin
Feasby, Brooke
Forrest, Valerie
Gilbert, Jaclyn
Maxwell, Kristy
Paponetti, Gina
Pepper, Olivia
Quinlan, Allison

Alpha Phi sorority 35%

Anderson, Sara
Birmingham, Heather
Biler, Alisha
Broerman, Jaclyn
Christy, Erin
DeVane, Jennifer
Frericks, Kimberly
Gilbert, Abby
Graves, Brittany
Hamlin, Natalie
Horton, Katie
Joyce, Janay
Kauffman, Syndi
Layne, Sara
Leibold, Jessica
McBride, Beth
Moore, Sara
Moran, Kelly
Mosel, Stephanie
Orlando, Dana

Alpha Phi sorority (cont.)

Ott, Rachel
Ross, Kristen
Schnitzer, Rebecca
Sackrider, Kate
Sproul, Allison
Sternad, Stacey
Syphers, Jillian
Takach, Jacquelynne
Tass, Laura
Vellie, Andrea

Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity 28%

Amend, Gregory
Bowles, Matthew
Brautigam, Joseph
Combs, Adam
John Cope
Edwards, Zak
Guggenbiller, Matthew
Harmon, Paul
Hughes, Stephen
Lesch, Justin
Oshaben, Nathaniel
Pogros, Scott
Shumaker, Aaron
Tuttle, Craig

Alpha Xi Delta Sorority 28%

Binzel, Karen
Buescher, Kathryn
Clark, Danielle
Donaldson, Sarah
Friday, Kimberly
Gilchrist, Kimberly
Harris, Elizabeth
Heller, Marin
Hlebovy, Laura
Keiper, Danielle
Nesline, Meredith
Palmer, Meghan
Perry, Ashley
Raburn, Jessica
Rhodes, Sarah
Rosen, Amy
Sharrit, Sara
Shirk, Tiffany
Slaby, Jill
Switalski, Courtney
Vacha, Megan
Woodruff, Sarah

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity 18%

Agan, David
Bryden, Scott
Kral, Jerry
Pesta, Scott
Pettry, Nicholas
Plavcan, Joseph
Spuhler, Ryan

Chi Omega Sorority 36%

Abbot, Dana
Bammerlin, Erica
Bare, Sarah
Bils, April
Birsan, Kelly
Cardinal, Jana
Castro, Kacy
Dennett, Jill
Donald, Jaclyn
Drexler, Michelle
Druckenmiller, Kelly
Everman, Erin
Fino, Jamie
Frank, Tamara
Hainer, Jody
Henschen, Erin
Howard, Alta
Hutchens, Christine
Kennedy, Chelsea
Kreger, Megan
Mortimer, Amanda
Oriani, Deanne
Potts, Sarah
Selner, Emily
Volz, Amy
Weber, Carrie
Weinzierl, Lauren

Delta Chi Fraternity 15%

Foos, Matthew

Delta Chi Fraternity (cont.)

Kingsley, Bret
Laurent, Paul
Preston, Matthew
Wagner, Matthew
Zinni, Anthony

Delta Gamma sorority 30%

Anderson, Elizabeth
Benschoter, Stacey
Briggrigg, Jennell
Butts, Megan
Cenna, Laurie
Close, Bethany
Fariello, Victoria
Gabel, Alyson
Haas, Kristin
Harkins, Danielle
Harris, Holly
Lawrence, Kathleen
Margraf, Michelle
Norris, Susan
Pulliam, Laura
Sague, Jaime
Schoenberger, Susan
Schwinnen, Sara
Shindel, Sara
Smith, Lori
Strange, Katie
Ward, Alicia
Weaver, Kell

Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity 13%

Ankney, Barton
Posen, Peter
Schwab, Anthonyr

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 56%

Daniel-Cox, Minnita
Gore, Johnel
Griffin, Lynsey
Perryman, Jamie
Sims, Kimili

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity 9%

Korsnack, Christian
Kramig, Jesse
Royko, Michael
Spiller, Paul

Delta Upsilon fraternity 25%

Hooper, Jeremy
Leciejewski, John

Delta Zeta Sorority 26%

Ankney, Allison
Boswell, Stacey
Cochran, Kelly
Davis, Nadia
Grant, Tiffany
Holoka, Nicole
Leach, Carrie
Mueck, Julie
O'Patry, Colleen
Patterson, Melissa
Podmore, Danielle
Preest, Joanna
Ramirez, Jessica
Rossman, Carrie
Ryan, Katherine
Sirmans, Kristin
Slaney, Kierstyn
Smith, Cheryl
Thomasson, Jillian
Vay, Monica
Yafonaro, Lisa

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority 16%

Caravella, Suzanne
Hensley, Christine
Little, Amanda
Loge, Sarah
Meyer, Audrey
Roberts, Rebecca
Sujkowski, Alyson
Sutton, Laura
Wheeler, Megan
Wilbur, Amy

Kappa Alpha Order 15%

Buss, Charles
Dorau, Jacob
Fawcett, Joseph

Kappa Alpha Order (cont.)

Joseph, Bryan
Kuresman, Edward
Mazzola, Joseph
Nutt, Russell
Redman, Christopher
Selwa, Andrew
Serio, Benjamin
Thompson, Jason

Kappa Delta Sorority 32%

Braun, Jennifer
Burns, Jeannine
Claudy, Janelle
Everett, Heidi
Fischer, Stephanie
Greene, Ashley
Hite, Ashlee
Klein, Vanessa
Lacher, Katherine
McFarlane, Elizabeth
Merkel, Lori
Miller, Kristen
Minda, Jennifer
Neal, Shawna
Roesch, Audrey
Wilson, Melissa
Woerner, Kathleen
Zimmerman, Elizabeth

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority 27%

Bell, Lindsay
Bollman, Megan
Brown, Jackie
Bruns, Jessica
Cieply, Lindsay
Davis, Danielle
Dunson, Christy
Gable, Jenna
Garman, Sarah
Hettle, Ashley
Kelly, Erika
Kerlin, Jessica
Kieffer, Kathryn
Lanese, Ginenne
LaHote, Tracy
McCanse, Cara
Shreffler, Brittney
Simmons, Ashley
St John, Michelle
Takacs, Amanda
Tanigawa, Noelle
Tierney, Tara

Kappa Sigma Fraternity 17%

Echols, Chris
Ivoska, Michael
Ross, Jason

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity 2%

Stoessner, Matthew

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity 10%

Dybo, Thomas
Mercier, Davidl

Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity 12%

Cavallaro, Michael
Magill, Christopher
Mahar, Lee
Martin, Andrew
McDaniel, Bryan
Vavrek, Jeffrey
Woodings, Randall

Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity 18%

Burkart, Aaron
Carroll, Timothy
Cieply, Dennis
Haydock, Todd
Panzica, David
Rodgers, Nathan
Soggs, Thomas
Srp, Michael
Stahl, Joshua
Watson, Christopher

Phi Mu Sorority 15%

Adams, Laura
Carbone, Rebecca
Ehrman, Jennelle

Phi Mu Sorority (cont.)

Ferguson, Julie
Hanchuk, Larissa
Judy, Sarah
McCombs, Jennifer
Morris, Jennifer
Walker, Kristen

Pi Beta Phi Sorority 26%

Babjack, Kristen
Capuano, Gina
Carney, Erin
Fraser, Tatum
Galloway, Danielle
Hoernemann, Kara
Jacobs, Jessica
Mink, Christina
Post, Allison
Reed, Jessica
Roseberry, Abbi
Scherer, Megan
Simpson, Erin
Snyder, Courtney
Steyer, Kimberly
Stierman, Abby
Susor, Meghan
Sworan, Jessica
Vannier, Kate
Wallace, Meghan
Young, Jennifer

Sigma Chi Fraternity 7%

Hare, Michael
McClave, James
Obhof, Thomas
Pearch, Matthew

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. 50%

Palmore, Twyla

Sigma Kappa Sorority 21%

Alcox, Caitlin
Anderson, Abigail
DiDonato, Elizabeth
Fahey, Amber
Fishman, Brooke
Griffin, Erin
Heckman, Angela
Henn, Catherine
Houtz, Debbie
Kirk, Amy
Kugler, Rachel
LeSage, Kara
Pelzer, Celeste
Reynolds, Chelsie
Robinson, Jennifer
Scheetz, Lindsay
Strickland, Kate

Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc. 22%

Delgado, Carlos
Trevino, Keith

Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc. 13%

Acevedo, Rosa
Villarreal, Patricia
Ware, Jeannine

Sigma Nu Fraternity 17%

Kaufman, Joseph
Stieritz, Jeffery

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity 13%

Brown, Jonathan
Grove, Chad
Hughart, Nicholas
Konopinski, Daniel
Leber, Nathan
Meiring, Eric
Richards, Rhys
Shaffer, Kurt

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. 23%

Pitts, Katie
Rankin, Tenaeya
Turpin, Jessica

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Raiders' center has bipolar disorder

By Janie McCauley
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. — The agent for Barret Robbins confirmed yesterday that the Oakland Raiders' All-Pro center has bipolar disorder, and that he expressed "remorse and deep sadness" for missing the Super Bowl.

Robbins remains hospitalized because of his condition, agent Drew Pittman said in a statement to ESPN.

"Barret would like to express his remorse and deep sadness for the events surrounding the Super Bowl," the statement said. "He knows many people have been hurt by his actions, including his family, his teammates, the Raider organization, the Raider Nation, and the game of football."

The statement, which also acknowledged that alcohol was a factor in Robbins' troubles, marked the first time he has commented publicly since he disappeared Jan. 25, the day before the Raiders' 48-21 Super Bowl loss to Tampa Bay in San Diego.

Robbins missed two meetings and a walkthrough, and Raiders coach Bill Callahan said Robbins was incoherent and didn't know where he was when he showed up Saturday night. Callahan dismissed him, and Adam Treu started in his place.

The 6-foot-3, 320-pound Robbins has a history of depression and reportedly had stopped taking his medication. A friend who told a newspaper he'd been drinking with Robbins the night before the game said Robbins was despondent and talked about suicide.

Pittman said Robbins' football future is uncertain, but last week Callahan left open the possibility that he could return to the team.

Pittman has not returned multiple calls from The Associated Press.

Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen said he had no response to Pittman's statement, except that the team has "been monitoring the situation from the beginning."

Robbins was harshly criticized by teammates at first, but the revelations about his medical problems, as well as his apology, has muted some of the resentment.

"If he has a health problem, it's a different situation," left guard Frank Middleton said Monday after returning from the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. Middleton had not heard about Robbins' apology.

"It does change some things," he said.

Robbins, 29, made the Pro Bowl for the first time this season, his eighth in the NFL, but did not play in the game Sunday in Honolulu. A year after missing the final 14 games of 2001 with an injured right knee, he was a pivotal part of an offensive line that helped the Raiders produce the league's top offense.

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Tennis team strikes back

By Jayme Ramson
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After opening the spring tennis season with a 7-0 loss to Michigan State, the Bowling Green women's tennis team got some revenge on Sunday afternoon against Youngstown State's team.

The Falcons did the same thing to Youngstown State that Michigan State had done to them on Friday afternoon; they won at every flight en route to a

7-0 win. Bowling Green evened their spring record at 1-1 after the first weekend of competition. No BG player went longer than two sets in their matches against Youngstown State.

"I was pleased how we played against Youngstown State. We did bounce back and nobody got too down or out after Michigan State," BG coach Penny Dean said. "Everybody was still psyched up."

Bowling Green had veteran

Lisa Maloney back in the lineup on Sunday when she teamed up with Susie Schoenberger to defeat YSU's Heather Hagood and Whitney Thomas in the No. 1 doubles flight, 8-5.

"She [Maloney] played a great doubles match. Her ankle was fine after the match and she had good mobility during the match," Dean said.

In the two other doubles matches, Laura Kokinda and Andrea Meister defeated Alyson

Finamore and Anne Marino, 8-2, and the team of Gaby Coello and Lindsey Mix defeated Nicolette Bondi and Andrea Dixon, 8-2.

Schoenberger also posted a win at the No. 1 singles position against Thomas, 6-4, 6-2. Alyson Gabel posted a 6-2, 6-1 win over Marino in the No. 2 singles spot. Cameron Benjamin defeated Hagood, 7-5, 7-5 and Heidi Romer defeated Finamore, 6-1, 6-0. Kokinda and Jessica Johnson both won their matches with

Kokinda posting a 6-1, 6-1 win over Bondi and Johnson defeating Dixon, 6-0, 6-0.

After the YSU match, each player has actual match experience as Dean was able to incorporate each player into the lineup. That experience might be valuable in the future for the Falcons.

Bowling Green fell to the Spartans in their first match of

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Team improves at OSU

By Erik Bell
SPORTS REPORTER

Several individual members of the women's indoor track and field team put up impressive performances and continued to improve at the Ohio State Invitational on Saturday.

There were no team scores kept in the event. This format has a few advantages, according to head coach Scott Sehmman.

"The open meet, non-scored format gives us a chance to compete some of our people in events that they may not have as much experience in to gain confidence in that event," Sehmman said. "It also allows us to run in fewer events, thus reducing the stress load on the body."

"My overall observations of the Ohio State Invitational were happy and I was happy to see improvement across the board," Sehmman said. "We scored in all the field events, had season bests by our hurdlers and made progress on the track."

Melissa Krueger continued to improve on her performances as she finished in first place in the 1000-meter run with a time of 3:01.57.

"Melissa Krueger's gains are the result of her work ethic put forth everyday of the week," Sehmman said. "Melissa is at a point where I believe she has the attitude that she can run with just about anybody in the MAC."

Also placing for the Falcons was Amber Walker. Walker finished fifth in the 200-meter



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TAKING OFF: A Bowling Green sprinter races to the finish line during a recent meet at Perry Field House. The track and field team will host a meet this weekend.

dash with a time of 25.87 seconds. She put up another fifth place finish in the 400-meter dash.

Posting season best times in the 60-meter hurdles were Amy Henry and Alicia Taylor. Henry finished fifth with a time of 8.69

seconds. Taylor finished eighth with a time of 8.81 seconds.

Rachel Perne placed fourth in the high jump with a height of 1.62 meters. It was Rachel's first meet of the season and her first competition in almost a year.

"Honestly, I was just glad I cleared a height and didn't embarrass myself," Perne said. "For the past month I did not do much running or jumping so I was a bit sore from practice

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James yet to appeal OHSAA decision

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — LeBron James has yet to appeal his banishment from playing high school basketball, keeping the 18-year-old superstar off the court.

James had been expected to appeal the decision yesterday, but OHSAA spokesman Bob Goldring said the organization did not hear from him or his lawyer by late afternoon.

"Everything is status quo," Goldring said. "We have not heard anything about an appeal or any legal action."

James' attorney, Fred Nance, did not return phone messages.

James, regarded as the nation's top player and the next No. 1 NBA draft pick, was ruled ineligible on Friday by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for accepting two free sports jerseys worth a combined \$845 from a clothing store.

As of late yesterday afternoon, Nance had not filed for a temporary restraining order with Summit County Common Pleas Court, which would block the order so James could continue playing.

If James plans to appeal the decision by the OHSAA, he must do so to the agency in writing. The appeal would be heard by a state panel on Feb. 13 in Columbus.

James sat out the first game of his career Sunday, and his Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary teammates barely won without him, beating Canton McKinley 63-62.

Afterward, University of Akron police and James' own security personnel kept reporters away from him. He agreed to an exclusive interview with former NFL star Deion Sanders for CBS News' "The Early Show."

In the interview, scheduled to air Tuesday morning, James expresses remorse for accepting the trendy retro jerseys.

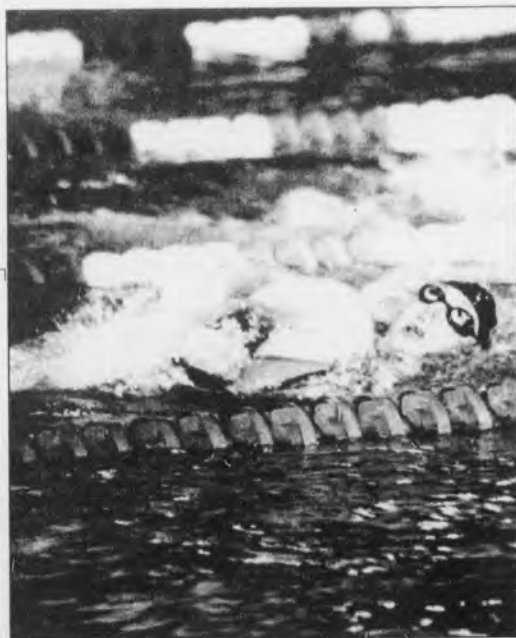
"If I had known I was violating anything, I would've never done it," James told Sanders. "I would've never jeopardized my eligibility. I would've never jeopardized my team."

"When I went in (the store), you know, I was just going in there as being, you know, another player, and they were trying to reward me for my good grades," added James, who has said he has a 3.5 grade-point average.

The OHSAA found that the Cleveland store gave James the Gale Sayers and Wes Unseld jerseys for free, in exchange for James posing for pictures to be displayed on the walls.

In addition to ruling James ineligible, OHSAA commissioner Clair Muscaro ordered his school

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FREESTYLE: A Bowling Green swimmer competes in a freestyle event at a recent swim meet. The swimming and diving team will host Akron and Marshall on Saturday.

Swimmers fall to top MAC competitors

By Melanie Menz
SPORTS REPORTER

A loss is sometimes the hardest thing to take. You can learn from it, but sometimes it is just hard to swallow.

Last Saturday, the Bowling Green women's swimming and diving team felt what it was like to deal with a loss.

"It is a little frustrating," said co-captain Sarah Agnew. "It was not one of our best meets that we have had, but at the same time Miami of Ohio and Ohio University are one and two in the Mid-American Conference."

Bowling Green lost to Miami, 245-55, while also falling to Ohio, 222-78.

The Falcons' current record is 5-9, heading into their last dual meet of the season this weekend against Akron and Marshall.

Although the meet against Miami and Ohio University did not end with a win, the Falcons did get a feel of what it is like to swim against the two teams that are top contenders for the MAC Championships.

"Going into any competition like that, you want to get up and race any team you are going against," Agnew said. "I think a lot of people are tired just from the hard training that we have had, but we came out of it and learned from it. That was our plan, to get up there and race like we know how to."

Kelley O'Hara swam to two of BG's top performances, placing second in the 200-yard freestyle event with a time of 1:55.39, and third in the 500-yard freestyle event with a time of 5:06.21. A swimmer from Miami's team

won both of those events.

Also coming in the top five in swimming events were Dana Schultz, placing fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 59.25, and Agnew, placing fifth in both the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard breaststroke with times of 1:08.26 and 2:27.54, respectively.

The 400-yard medley relay team, which consisted of O'Hara, Schultz, Agnew and Stephanie Buckner, rounded out the top five with a time of 4:04.19.

The diving team also did their part in helping the Falcons score points during the meet.

Ryan Donley placed fourth in the 1-meter diving event with a total score of 218.47, while Molly

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Argento needs four 3-pointers

By Rusty Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Phil Argento could launch the 3-point shot Tuesday night against Ohio Dominican that would set him apart from every player to ever put on a uniform for an Ohio college.

Argento needs to make only four more 3-pointers to become the best long-distance shooter in Ohio college history.

"If I think about it it'll affect me somewhat," said Argento, a senior guard from Rocky River. "I just try to do the opposite. I'm sure it'll cross my mind but it's not going to be something I'm going to think about all the time and take bad shots just so I get it. I'm going to do it within the flow of the offense."

Such discipline is hard to find in a big-time scorer. But it is understandable in Argento's case.

Argento was an All-Ohioan at Lutheran West High School — where his father, also named Phil, is now the head coach — while averaging 29.5 points a game as a senior.

He received appointments to go to West Point and the Air Force Academy, spending the 1998-99 school year at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School in Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Midway through the year, however, he grew disenchanted with the military lifestyle.

"He just decided that maybe the army wasn't for him or that that wasn't working out," Mount Vernon Nazarene coach Scott Flemming said. "It was over Christmas break. I thought I would just call there to see what

was going on. He had just made the decision he wasn't going back. So the timing was pretty good. He had a lot of choices still at that point but decided to come to our school."

Argento thrived in the small-school, small-town setting. Each year he became more comfortable in the classroom and on the court, averaging 13.7 points as a freshman, 16 as a sophomore and 18.4 a year ago. This season he is scoring 23.3 points a game as the Cougars have put together a 14-9 record.

Throughout his career, Argento has been productive from beyond the 3-point line. He is shooting 41.3 percent behind the arc through 3 1/2 seasons, hitting 424 of 1,026 attempts.

His 3-point total leaves him just four behind Phil Gebhardt, Ohio's collegiate leader with 428 3-pointers from 1988-1992 at Malone College. In Argento's wake are more renowned players such as Akron's Mark Alberts (375), Cincinnati's Darnell Burton (306), Dayton's Tony Stanley (291), Miami's Landon Hackim (277), Cleveland State's James Madison (262) and Cincinnati's LaZelle Durden (260) and Steve Logan (258).

There are times when Argento wonders how things might have turned out if he had signed with or walked on at a Division I school.

"I've thought about, 'What if I went here? What if I went there?' I've seen my friends on ESPN playing," he said. "Unless I was going to a Kentucky or a Duke or someplace huge, the main focus for me was going to be education

and my Christian background. That was really important to me. I've had some second thoughts but this place has worked out for me and I'm glad I made this decision."

Flemming said Argento is more than just a gunner. Even though he's coming off games of 40 and 41 points, it's important to note that Argento hit 11-of-16 3-pointers in Saturday night's 88-83 loss to Cedarville.

"The thing about this year, he's our top scorer and we don't have as many big scorers around him so people are coming in every game where the game plan is to stop Argento," said Flemming, who said his star guard's top weapon is a quick-release jumper.

On a given night, Argento will certainly see an opponent's top defender. He will likely also be double-teamed or chased by a second defender.

"I'm getting used to all the weird defenses, the in-your-face stuff, the holding," Argento said. "I just try to work even harder to get open. I know I'm not going to get as many wide-open looks so when I get a little look I have to set myself and make sure it's a good shot."

So Argento closes in on his own little piece of history. He said he won't press, won't force the issue, won't pull up on a fastbreak to let fly from 28 feet.

With the soft-spoken Argento, the record takes a distant second to any personal glory.

"We look for threes a lot of the time. That really helps what I do," he said. "But I won't compromise the outcome of a team game."



AP Photo

GOING FOR RECORD: Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Phil Argento needs only four more 3-pointers to become the best long-distance shooter in Ohio college history. Argento will have a chance at the record when his team plays Ohio Dominican tonight.

Florida takes No. 1 spot in college basketball poll

By Eddie Pells
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The Gators finally made it.

The team that spent its formative years being coached by assistants from the football staff and playing in a dingy, dimly lit gym made it to No. 1 in the AP poll yesterday for the first time in its 88-year history.

"I think we made it by a process of elimination," Florida coach Billy Donovan said.

The Gators (18-2, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) jumped from fourth to first after a week in which the three teams ahead of them — Arizona, Pittsburgh and Texas — all lost, while they won twice to stretch their winning streak to 14 games.

Lest they get too excited, Florida's first game as a top-ranked team comes Tuesday at No. 6 Kentucky in a game that will decide the leader in the SEC East.

"The key is to be humble," Donovan said, "or this could be the shortest-lived stay at No. 1 in the history of college basketball."

Either way, it has been a long

time coming.

Before 1980, Florida played in the old Alligator Alley, a dusty little gym that seated 7,000. The Gators liked to schedule games for midday, hoping to gain an advantage from the sunlight shining through the windows and temporarily blinding opposing players.

It wasn't until 1960 that Florida emerged from the dark ages and hired a full-time basketball coach, Norm Sloan. Before that, the Gators normally found their coach by searching their roster of assistants from the football team, or by picking a volunteer from the physical education faculty.

They have been much, much better of late, reaching the NCAA finals in 2000 and rising to No. 2 in the poll as recently as last year.

But the top spot in the AP poll had always seemed like a better fit for the football team.

Until now.

Their 14-game winning streak ties the school record set last year. Their ascension to No. 1 came two months to the day of their last loss, Dec. 3 at West

Virginia.

"Our immediate goal is not to be No. 1," sophomore center David Lee said. "I mean, it's great to be No. 1. But we want to be No. 1 at the end of the season."

The Gators became the 49th school to be ranked No. 1 in the history of the AP poll, which started during the 1948-49 season. They join Alabama as the second team to reach the top spot for the first time ever this season. The Crimson Tide has since fallen to 22nd.

Florida received 50 first-place votes and 1,764 points from the 72-member national media panel to easily outdistance Arizona (16-2), which dropped out of No. 1 after losing at home to Stanford on Thursday.

The Wildcats had 1,687 points, 130 more than Texas (14-3), which held third despite a loss at Kansas last Monday.

Pittsburgh (15-2) dropped two places to fourth following a 67-65 loss to Syracuse.

Led by Donovan's old boss, Rick Pitino, Louisville (16-1) jumped from eighth to No. 5, the Cardinals' highest ranking since

being fifth in the poll released Feb. 14, 1994.

Still, the day belonged to the Gators.

Their rise to the top has been sparked by a pair of freshmen, Matt Walsh and Anthony Roberson, who are the best first-year players at Florida since the arrival of Matt Bonner, Brett Nelson and Justin Hamilton, who are seniors now.

Donovan said neither freshman has been jaded by the highly touted recruiting process they went through or the successes they enjoyed in high school.

"I think they both feel like they have something new to prove to people every day they walk out there," Donovan said.

Walsh, who started the season hot, isn't scoring as much, but is still in the starting lineup. He's averaging 14 points and 3.5 assists. Roberson is averaging 13.8 points coming off the bench. He is gaining more confidence with his shot as the season progresses.

Can they make it through the grind of the entire season?

Falcons aim to peak at MAC and All Ohio meets

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this week."

Perme felt the lack of team scores really did not have much effect at all on the Falcons' performance.

"It is still early in the season, so I don't think it really matters if there is a team score," Perme said. "As long as we focus on improving our performances individually we will be better off as a team in the long run."

Nicole Carter followed up her strong performance last week with an eighth place finish in the long jump with a distance of 5.22 meters.

Kerri McClung threw for a distance of 14.61 meters in the shot put. That score was good enough for sixth place. McClung felt that although she is not exactly where she wants to be at this point, she was satisfied with her performance.

"I have to be satisfied with my performance because it is a step

above where I was last week," McClung said. "It isn't necessarily where I had hoped to be at this point of the season, but I am happy with how the season is progressing."

"We had some really nice efforts in this meet from athletes both on the track and in the field events," McClung said. "As long as both myself and my teammates continue to improve on what we did earlier in the season, we will be at our peak for the big meets—the All Ohio Championships and the MAC Championships."

The Falcons also got a ninth place finish from Marquita McGowan in the 600-meter run. McGowan finished with a time of 1:44.23.

The Falcons also got an eighth place finish from Mary Willems in the weight throw. Willems threw for a distance of 17.26 meters.

The Falcons return home to the Perry Field House this Saturday where they will host the BGSU Women's Open.

St. V's scheduled to play in tourney

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to forfeit its Jan. 26 win over Akron Buchtel.

The Fighting Irish (14-1) entered Monday ranked No. 1 by USA Today but could drop in Tuesday's rankings because of the forfeit and James' ineligibility.

James' team is scheduled to play Saturday night at the Isles Prime Time Shootout in Trenton,

N.J., a charity tournament featuring 11 of the top 25 high school teams nationally.

Martin Johnson, president of the Isles, Inc., a nonprofit community development group, said he expects James to not only appeal his punishment but win.

"I'm optimistic about the chances of LeBron playing here this weekend," Johnson said.

Divers fare well against MAC's Ohio U., Miami

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Peterson placed seventh with a 211.87.

In the 3-meter diving event, Donley placed sixth with a score of 204.67 with Peterson and

Lindsay Hines rounding out the top ten with scores of 197.70 and 194.70, respectively.

With the MAC Championships at the end of this month, the Falcons are preparing to cut back some of

their yardage in practice.

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UConn coach to leave team

By Donna Tommelleo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut men's coach Jim Calhoun has prostate cancer and is leaving the team for up to a month for surgery and treatment.

"I want to attack this thing," Calhoun said yesterday at practice. "I want to get it out of my system, and I want to fight this like I've fought everything else in my life. I'll win this battle, and with my family and the love and prayers of everybody, be back on the sidelines soon."

The 60-year-old coach will take a three to four week medical leave, with assistant George Blaney taking over on an interim basis. Surgery was scheduled for

Thursday.

Calhoun's doctor, UConn Health Center urologist Peter Albertsen, said the cancer was detected early and was "relatively low-grade."

"Coach Calhoun's condition appears to be very treatable, and we anticipate his return to normal job-related activities within three or four weeks," said Albertsen, who will perform the operation.

Now in his 17th season at Connecticut, Calhoun has led the Huskies to national prominence, peaking with the 1999 NCAA title. With a career record of 637-290, including 14 seasons at Northeastern, Calhoun is eighth among active Division I coaches.

The 18th-ranked Huskies (13-4, 4-2 Big East) play Wednesday night at Virginia Tech. They're coming off a 95-71 loss to Boston College on Saturday, their worst loss ever at Gampel Pavilion.

"We can handle what we have to handle," said Blaney, who's in his second season at UConn after 22 years as head coach at Holy Cross. "He's one of the strongest guys I ever met. I know that he will fight it — that's not been a question."

Calhoun learned he had cancer Friday and told the team shortly before meeting with reporters Monday.

"My mouth just dropped," said guard Taliek Brown. "All my prayers are with him. Everybody will just play his hardest for him."

"He said he just wanted us to play hard," guard Tony Robertson said. "He said he has enough people praying for him to get better. Basketball is the last thing he should be worrying about right now."

Calhoun said he spoke by phone Sunday with Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, who was treated for an enlarged prostate last season. Boeheim also lost both his parents to cancer.

"He was great," Calhoun said.

Calhoun said his cancer was detected through routine prostate screening, and he praised the benefits of the procedure.

"Do your family, do your loved ones a favor, and make sure you get yourself screened," he said.

Calhoun said his family was the most important reason for moving ahead quickly with treatment. He has three grandchildren. "I want to see them grow," he said.

The Huskies have been to the NCAA tournament 10 times under Calhoun. Last year they made the round of eight before losing to eventual national champion Maryland.

UConn also won its seventh Big East regular-season title under Calhoun, and fifth conference tournament title.

Calhoun is the only coach in Big East history to win coach of the year four times. The Braintree, Mass., native also is a member of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

Kent State rallies to defeat Miami

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KENT, Ohio — Antonio Gates scored 24 points and Eric Haut hit three crucial 3-pointers Monday night as Kent State rallied from 19 points down to win their seventh straight, 70-60 over Miami of Ohio.

Gates, the lone starter remaining from last year's NCAA tournament "Elite Eight" team, scored 12 points in a row during one stretch of the second half for the Golden Flashes (16-2, 9-1 Mid-American Conference).

Haut, who entered the week ranked third nationally in 3-point shooting, made three long-range jumpers in the final 3:41 for Kent, which trailed 32-13 with 8:15 left in the first half.

Juby Johnson scored 21 points and Chet Mason 14 for the RedHawks (9-10, 7-3), who had their five-game winning streak stopped, mostly because they couldn't stop Gates.

On a night Kent State retired the jersey numbers of four seniors — Trevor Huffman, Andrew Mitchell, Eric Thomas and Demetric Shaw — from last year's MAC championship squad, the 6-foot-5, 250-pound Gates put on a one-man show.

With Miami up 46-35, Gates followed up a miss with a basket. After scoring again, he blocked Johnson's shot inside for a jump ball and then drained a 15-footer to pull Kent State within 46-44.

After hitting two free throws, Gates stole the ball and drove the length of the floor for a layup. He then hit a corner jumper to bring the Golden Flashes within 53-52 with 7:56 to go.

Haut, who makes 53 percent of his 3-point tries, then drained a 3-pointer with 7:17 remaining to put Kent ahead 55-53 — its first lead since 3-0.

Mason's free throw tied it 57-53, but Haut hit two consecutive 3-pointers to give Kent State a 65-60 lead.

Kent State held Miami to just two field goals — 3-pointers by Tim Schenke — over the final 9:42.

The RedHawks, who shot 54 percent from the floor in the first half, made just 35 percent after halftime.

Coello wins a set at Mich. State

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the season on Friday afternoon, 7-0 in East Lansing, Mich. Michigan State is ranked No. 70 in the nation.

"I think our team was really motivated and positive against both teams. Michigan State, I don't think we were ready for their power and it was consistent power," Dean said. "We just had a very hard time adjusting to that. Mostly people played better second sets because they got used to it but they still weren't able to pull out the set."

One of the brightest Falcon performances of the day was the play of Gaby Coello. Coello was the only BG player to win a set. Coello eventually lost to MSU's Shelley Brady, 6-7 (7-4), 6-2, 6-2, but she was able to send the first set into a tiebreaker and win the set against one of MSU's top players.

"Gaby Coello played an outstanding match at Michigan State and easily could have come out on top," Dean said.

The Falcons have been working on their doubles play recently and Dean and some players saw improvement against Michigan State and Youngstown State.

"We had been practicing a lot with doubles the last two weeks so when we went to play Michigan State we went there with a lot more confidence," Schoenberger said. "Against Michigan State, Laura [Kokinda] and I went out there and said we have nothing to lose. We knew they were a good team but we tried to play aggressively. We lost, but we did play really well together."

Bowling Green will play the University of Cincinnati on Saturday. The 1 p.m. match will be held at the Shadow Valley tennis facility in Toledo.

Connecticut women take over No. 1 spot

By Chuck Schoffner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut left no room for doubt.

After an impressive victory at Duke, the Huskies were a unanimous choice to replace the Blue Devils at No. 1 in the Associated Press women's basketball poll on yesterday.

Connecticut (20-0) is the only unbeaten team in Division I and has won a women's record 59 straight games. The Huskies received all 44 first place votes from a national media panel and had 1,100 points.

Duke (20-1), No. 1 in the first 12 polls of the season, slipped to second with 1,038 points.

This season marked the first time the Blue Devils had been ranked No. 1. Their hopes of staying there ended with a 77-65 loss to UConn on Saturday night in front of a full house at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Connecticut's move to the top was expected and certainly nothing new for the Huskies, who coming into this season had been No. 1 in 49 of the previous 56 polls. They were No. 1

all last season, when they went 39-0 in winning their third national championship.

Does this mean UConn is the best team again?

"I have no idea," coach Geno Auriemma said. "I've coached a lot of No. 1 teams in the country and this one has a lot of those pieces missing. But so do a lot of other people."

"Who ever knows on February first or second? It just happens to be who's playing well at the time. If we played Duke again, who knows? If we played Tennessee on a neutral court, who knows what would happen? We're as good as anybody out there. Are we better? I don't know."

Connecticut beat Tennessee 63-62 in overtime in Hartford on Jan. 4. Tennessee (18-3) has won nine straight since and moved up one spot to third with 997 points — 41 behind Duke.

No. 4 LSU also climbed one spot, while Kansas State slipped two places to fifth after a 74-69 loss at unranked Iowa State. The Wildcats bounced

back with a 74-45 victory at then-No. 19 Oklahoma.

Stanford remained sixth, while North Carolina and Texas Tech tied for seventh. Louisiana Tech was ninth and Purdue 10th.

Texas led the second 10 at No. 11 and Mississippi State moved up one place to 12th. Then it was Penn State, Arkansas and Minnesota, followed by South Carolina, Georgia, Vanderbilt, UC Santa Barbara and Washington.

The final five were Wisconsin-Green Bay, Villanova, Boston College, Oklahoma and Ohio State.

Boston College (15-4), winner of four straight and eight of nine, returned after a two-week absence. The Eagles appeared in the first eight polls, dropped out for a week, came back at No. 24, then fell out the following week.

Arizona, 24th last week, dropped out after splitting two road games. The Wildcats (14-6), who had been ranked for nine weeks, lost at Oregon State in overtime and beat Oregon.

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In the village of Abassan in the Gaza Strip, Israeli tanks fired shells and machine guns in an open area, killing two men, ages 60 and 29, and wounding four others with shrapnel and gunshots, Palestinian security officials said.

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WORLD

Iraqi official threatens US casualties

By Hamza Hendawi
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq will inflict massive casualties on American troops if the United States launches an invasion to topple Saddam Hussein, a senior Iraqi legislator declared yesterday.

Iraqi parliament speaker Saadoun Hammadi told a group of legislators from the European Parliament that Iraq "will not turn the other cheek" should the

United States use force to make Saddam's regime give up banned weapons programs.

"American aggression will end up in a catastrophe for them," Hammadi said. "They will incur casualties beyond their imagination."

U.N. resolutions passed since Iraq's defeat by a U.S.-led coalition in the 1991 Gulf War prohibit nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs in Iraq. Thousands of such weapons

were destroyed under a U.N. inspection program in the 1990s.

The United States and Britain insist Saddam is still hiding banned weaponry and say they will disarm Iraq by force. The United States has deployed almost 90,000 troops in the Gulf region, a number that may double soon.

Iraq has steadfastly denied it has weapons of mass destruction, but it is under pressure to make concessions and show

progress in the U.N. inspections process in hopes of blocking any U.S.-British diplomatic bid for military action.

The inspectors have yet to find anything conclusive and Iraq has claimed that U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell will fabricate evidence against Saddam when he appears before the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday to try to prove the Iraqis are hiding banned weapons.

Powell shot back yesterday in a

commentary published in the Wall Street Journal, warning that the United States "will not shrink from war." Though he won't give the council a "smoking gun," Powell promised to present evidence of the "programs that Iraq is working so hard to hide."

"We will, in sum, offer a straightforward, sober and compelling demonstration that Saddam is concealing the evidence of his weapons of mass destruction, while preserving the

weapons themselves," he said.

He also alleged that Iraq "continues to acquire banned equipment, with proscribed imports arriving as recently as last month."

Saddam is expected to offer his own assessment on the U.S.-Iraqi confrontation in a television interview with left-wing former British lawmaker and anti-war

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Women protest peace accord

By Ange Aboa
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Thousands of Ivorian women surrounded the French Embassy yesterday to protest a French-brokered peace accord.

Female leaders from the ruling party and its allies accused French President Jacques Chirac of forcing the agreement on Ivory Coast's government. They called for the deal to be abandoned or re-negotiated with rebels who captured half of the country since a failed coup last September.

"Chirac, liar," about 8,000 women chanted as they filled two streets outside the embassy in Abidjan's business district.

"The accord is null and void," said Marie-Odet Llorougnon, president of the women's league of the governing Ivorian Popular Front party. "We are a sovereign nation that cannot be pushed around by France. We won't be forced to give in to the rebels."

France reiterated calls Monday for President Laurent Gbagbo to respect terms of the deal, under which rebels and the government

would share power until new elections.

"France solemnly asks President Gbagbo to resolutely commit himself to the path of reconciliation," French Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said in Paris.

Ivory Coast's commercial capital has seen more than a week of anti-French protests against the accord. Riots and demonstrations have shut down the West African economic hub and sent hundreds of Westerners fleeing.

This demonstration was festive, with mainly young and middle-aged women singing and dancing to the samba-like rhythms of Ivorian zouglou music pouring from speakers set up outside the embassy gates.

At one point, protesters greeted Western journalists by chanting: "We don't hate French. It's the government of France we hate."

Ble Goude, the influential youth leader who has helped galvanize more than a week of loyalist protests, exhorted the crowd to "stay in the streets" until the Jan. 24 peace accord has been torn



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PROTEST: Ivory Coast citizens protest against French soldiers. Heavily-armed French troops were deployed in force in the Ivory Coast's airport late last week.

up. France "has put the rebels in our government," said Goude, guarded by plain-clothed bodyguards carrying automatic rifles. Government supporters oppose the deal because they say it gives too many concessions to rebels. Gbagbo, who at first showed signs of supporting the deal, has wavered, saying the rebels' contentious claims that the accord granted them control over the interior and defense ministries were only "propositions."

"It looks like a criminal act. We're tending to look at [the soldier's] personal relationships."

DIETER KLEIN, GERMAN POLICE SPOKESMAN

US soldier shot in southern Germany

By Stephen Graham
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN — A U.S. soldier was seriously wounded by gunfire early yesterday after he pulled his car off the road in southern Germany to clean ice from the windshield, police said.

The 26-year-old private first class from the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division was wearing civilian clothes when he was shot in the left hand and leg on his way to the barracks in Schweinfurt, 60 miles east of Frankfurt, Schweinfurt police spokesman Karl-Heinz Schmitt said in a statement.

Police said they were focusing on a personal motive, after both German investigators and U.S. military officials said there were no indications of a terror attack.

"It looks like a criminal act," police spokesman Dieter Klein said. "We're tending to look at [the soldier's] personal relationships."

The shooting took place around 5 a.m. about three miles from the Schweinfurt barracks, where the 2nd Brigade of the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division is stationed.

The soldier was able to drive despite being wounded, and was in stable condition after undergoing surgery, 1st Infantry spokesman Maj. Mark Ballesteros said. Earlier, the soldier's unit had said he was released from the hospital Monday evening. Ballesteros declined to give further details, including the soldier's identity.

Police said they would question him Tuesday.

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Inspectors find rocket case, "modified warhead"

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activist Tony Benn. The interview was taped Sunday and will be broadcast in the next day or two, Benn said.

Facing a U.S.-led invasion, Iraq invited the two chief U.N. weapons inspectors back to Baghdad and has promised the government would "do our best" to make Saturday's visit successful.

The chief inspectors hope they will win meaningful concessions from the Iraqis on reconnaissance U-2 flights and private interviews with Iraqi scientists.

The talks with chief U.N. weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei will come just before their next important report to the council on Feb. 14. It will be the second round of Baghdad talks for Blix and ElBaradei in three weeks.

In yesterday's round of daily arms inspections, inspectors found the abandoned case of a small rocket and a "modified, damaged and abandoned warhead," at a missile parts factory south of Baghdad, the Iraqi News Agency said.

The missile had a range of about 44 miles, which would be well within the 94-mile maxi-

mum that the United Nations permits Iraq to have under the weapons inspection program.

It identified the missile as the Russian-made, ground-to-ground Luna, which was heavily used during Iraq's 1980-88 war with Iran, the agency quoted officials at the National Monitoring Directorate as saying.

Other inspection teams Monday dropped in on a frequently inspected chemicals complex south of the capital, and a detergent factory 150 miles to the north, the Information Ministry reported. Sites such as the detergent factory are often of interest because of the "dual-use" manufacturing equipment or product components could be used in making chemical weapons.

In other developments:

- The leader of the biggest Iraqi dissident faction said Monday that a U.S.-led attack on Iraq appears "inevitable," but any ground battles must be spearheaded by Iraqi opposition forces or risk civil unrest.

- Turkey's Prime Minister Abdullah Gul said he would submit a proposal soon to parliament that could open the way for U.S. troops to be stationed in

Turkey for a possible war.

- Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, said Monday in Kuwait that it was still possible to avert war on Iraq. "It is not too late for humanity to prevail and peace to overcome," she said.

- Australian Prime Minister John Howard, a strong U.S. supporter on Iraq, said he will go to Washington, New York and London next week for talks about the crisis with President Bush, the United Nations and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

- Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan, whose country has a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council and veto power, will attend Wednesday's council meeting in New York to discuss Iraq.

- India's Defense Minister George Fernandes says his country will not join military action against Iraq without U.N. authority, and will not provide facilities for the use of U.S. forces.

- Arab foreign ministers will gather in Egypt this month to try to forge a pan-Arab position against war, the Arab League secretary general, Amr Moussa said Sunday.

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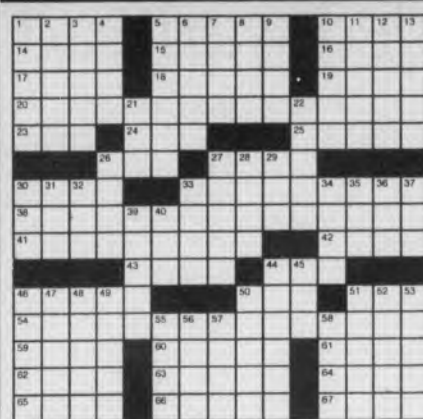
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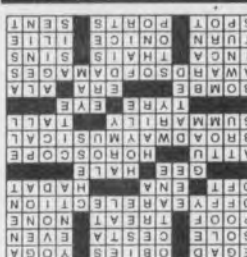
- 1 Mild expletive
- 5 This puzzle's theme
- 10 Tranquility discipline
- 14 Flounder cousin
- 15 Jai alai basket
- 16 All tied up
- 17 Sound of a disappearance
- 18 Tasty tidbit
- 19 Zero
- 20 Time for a low turnout
- 23 Frequently in a poem
- 24 Former queen of Spain
- 25 Attacked
- 26 Turn right!
- 27 Patriot Nathan
- 30 Westernmost of the Aleutians
- 33 Astrologers' diagram
- 38 Contender for 5A
- 41 In a nutshell
- 42 Type of tale
- 43 Phoenician city

- 44 Check out
- 46 Ice-cream cake
- 50 Important time
- 51 King or carte lead-in
- 54 Jury determination
- 59 Machu Picchu resident
- 60 Massenet opera
- 61 Transgressions
- 62 U follower?
- 63 Chilling
- 64 Tennis bad boy Nastase
- 65 Dalmatian feature
- 66 Stops for ships
- 67 Mailed

- 1 Helsinki suburb
- 2 Explode
- 3 Overhead
- 4 Challenge
- 5 Gasoline rating number
- 6 Yankee Yogi
- 7 Oh yeah, right
- 8 Lat. list-ender
- 9 Cloy
- 10 Jewish gossip
- 11 Egg-shaped
- 12 Italian port
- 13 Concerning
- 21 Shoe-box letters
- 22 Fischer's forte
- 26 Mariana island
- 27 Games expert
- 28 Salvation collective
- 29 Bud's partner
- 30 Iron-pumper's pride
- 31 Play about Capote
- 32 Marx male
- 33 Samson's pride
- 34 Quote as an authority
- 35 S. American tuber
- 36 Chum
- 37 Building wing

- 39 Saw socially
- 40 Dryly humorous
- 44 Obliterates
- 45 Thanksgiving tuber
- 46 Enticements
- 47 Confess
- 48 Very large in scale
- 49 Arctic goose
- 50 Proclamation
- 51 Quick on one's feet
- 52 Last name in Communism
- 53 Plus
- 55 Standstill
- 56 It can't be!
- 57 So-so
- 58 Fire-sale words

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B.M.O.C.
stand for?

- A. Biology Medical Ohio Conference
- B. Big Man on Campus
- C. Baptist Ministry on Campus
- D. Bachelor/Masters of Chemistry

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